

GEORGIA—MILITIA CLAIMS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 349.]

JUNE 7, 1844.

Mr. STEPHENS, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT :

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred House bill No. 349, providing for the settlement of the claims of the State of Georgia for the services of her militia, report :*

That the object of the bill is to reimburse the State of Georgia in the sums she has actually expended in the payment of her militia, called into service by the Executive of the State, to suppress Indian hostilities on her southern frontier, and the necessary expenses attending the service. The emergency that rendered it necessary to call out the militia at the time was sudden and alarming, and required the promptest action on the part of the authorities of the State, to protect the lives and property of her citizens against the ravages and cruelties of savage warfare. For the payment of the militia thus called into service, and other necessary expenses, an act was passed by the Legislature of that State, and in pursuance thereof the payments have been made, looking to this Government for ultimate indemnification ; and the present bill seeks to reimburse the State of Georgia in the amount so paid.

The principle upon which the claim of indemnification is predicated, the committee conceive to be well established by this Government, and have no disposition to question either its correctness or propriety. A similar act was passed the 11th of August, 1842, providing for the payment of moneys similarly expended by the same State before that time. The committee, therefore, conclude by reporting the bill back to the House, and recommending its passage.

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